CULTURAL STUDIES HONORS

LATIN AMERICA PROJECT

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Next Century Reports

1. **Description and Objectives**
   1. You work for the State Department as a specialist in the affairs of the Western Hemisphere. The President has asked you for a report on a specific country. What political, social, and economic challenges does that country face? What choices must it make in the twenty-first century? Can the United States help in any way?
2. **Organization**
   1. You will be assigned to a country.
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3. **Preparation**
   1. The following sources will be useful:
      1. **Encyclopedias** for basic facts and suggested readings
      2. Almanacs, Annual Digest of Statistics
      3. **ABC-Clio** database
         1. **Databases**; any databases on the UHS Library site
      4. **Publications of the State Department and Congress**
         1. **CIA World Fact Book**
      5. **United Nations** 
         1. **Home;** www.un.org
         2. **News**
      6. **Reports From Human Rights Organizations**
      7. **The State of the World’s Children Report (UNICEF)**
4. **Week by Week**
   1. Week 1: Given your assignment
   2. Week 2: Map and Fact Sheet Due
   3. Week 3: Description of three issues
   4. Week 4: Alternative plans of action
   5. Week5: Everything put together! Discussion
5. **Final Report**
   1. Includes:
      1. Map of your country
      2. Fact Sheet
      3. Description of the 3 issues
      4. Plan of Action for the 3 issues
      5. Annotated Bibliography
6. **Discussion**
   1. Small group discussion in class

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An annotation should include the complete bibliographic information for the source. It should also include all of the following:

* Summary: Scope or main purpose of the work.
* Critique/Evaluation: An explanation about the authority and/or qualifications of the author, any detectable bias.
* Reflection: In what ways was this source helpful

**DETAILS**

1. **Map (6pts):** A color map of your country, major cities should be noted

2. **Fact Sheet (15pts):**

* Region and Capital
* Type of Government and leader
* Population Figures
* Population Density
* Literacy Rate
* Gross Domestic Product
* Poverty Rate
* Death Rate
* Birth Rate
* Employment Rate
* Any other statistics that you think are important!

3. **Three Issues (30pts):**

* A Description of the three most important issues facing the country. Outline what might happen if the issue is not resolved.
  + Find one issue for each of the following categories:
    - Political
    - Social
    - Economic
  + **Description:**
    - Double Spaced, 12pt Times New Roman Font, 1.25 in Right and Left Margins, 1 in Top and Bottom Margins
    - Each at least 10 – 12 sentences, no longer than 1 page
    - Citations; at the bottom of your description include proper MLA citations of the works used to create the description

4. **Alternative Plans of Action (24pts):**

* A description of alternative plans of action for each of the three issues supported with research.
  + **Description:**
    - Double Spaced, 12pt Times New Roman Font, 1.25 in Right and Left Margins, 1 in Top and Bottom Margins
    - Each at least 8-10 sentences, no longer than 1 page
    - Citations; at the bottom of your description include proper MLA citations of the works used to create the description

5. **MLA** **Annotated Bibliography (10pts):**

* **Every source** used must be included in the annotated bibliography
  + At least 3 sources from the list provided are annotated
  + No random websites

6. **Everything put together:**

* In order:
  + Map, Fact Sheet, 3 Issues, 3 Alternative Plans of Action, Annotated Bibliography

7. **Discussion (15pts):**

* Small group
  + Pay attention as other groups present their reports. Note similarities to the topics included in your report. Which plans of action might lead to other problems within the country? Would the solution to a problem in one country lead to problems in another country?